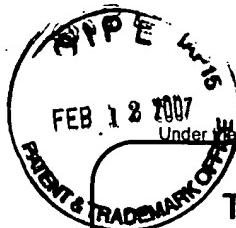


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Title : METHOD FOR SELLING, PROTECTING, AND REDISTRIBUTING  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)**  
**TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO MPEP § 711.03**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on January 8, 2007 in connection with the above-identified Application, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in light of the following:

1. A Notice of Allowance for the present Application was mailed on September 8, 2006. The Notice established a deadline of December 8, 2006 for the payment of the issue fee and the publication fee. The Notice included an accompanying Notice of Allowability that indicated corrective drawings must be submitted.
2. During a telephone interview with Examiner Firmin Backer on November 7, 2006, Applicant's Representative Kendrick P. Patterson (Reg. No. 45,321) (herein "Applicant's Representative") discussed the request for corrective drawings with the Examiner.
  - a. Applicant's Representative emphasized that none of the prior Office Actions, including the aforementioned Notice of Allowability, specified any changes requested by either a Draftsman or an Examiner of record.
  - b. During the telephone interview, the Examiner admitted that he had no specific objections to the drawings, but routinely indicates in his Notices of Allowance that corrected drawings are required. The Examiner

- indicated that the intent of this routine practice is to encourage Applicants to check their records to make sure that all necessary corrections are made to the drawings prior to issuance.
- c. Applicant's Representative informed the Examiner, during the telephone interview, that the drawings are duplicates of the drawings from an issued patent (namely, U.S. Patent 5,509,070), the prosecution record includes no objection/rejection to the drawings, and therefore, Applicant has no reason to believe that corrected drawings are required. The Examiner concurred and indicated to Applicant's Representative that Applicant did not need to submit corrective or replacement drawings.
  - d. When questioned whether the present Application will go abandoned if no replacement drawings are submitted, the Examiner verbally assured Applicant's Representative during the telephone interview that the present Application will not go abandoned as no corrective drawings are required.
2. On November 7, 2006, Applicant timely remitted payment of the issue fee and publication fee. No corrective drawings were filed as they were not required pursuant to the above telephone interview with the Examiner.
  3. The aforementioned Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 8, 2006. Applicant's Representative became aware of said Notice during a routine status check of the USPTO PAIR database on January 9, 2006, and immediately called and left a message with the Examiner.
  4. During a telephone interview with the Examiner on January 12, 2007, Applicant's Representative inquired about the propriety of the Notice of Abandonment. The Examiner indicated that he was not aware of the Notice, and once again, informed Applicant's Representative that no corrective drawings are required.
  5. An Interview Summary of the January 12, 2007 telephone interview was mailed on January 25, 2007. The Interview Summary is provided herewith as Attachment (a). In the Interview Summary, the Examiner admits that "Applicant does not need to [submit a] new or corrected drawing."
  6. In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that no corrective or replacement drawings are required for the present Application, and that Applicant has timely provided a full and complete reply to satisfy all requirements for issuance of the

present Application. Therefore, the aforementioned Notice of Abandonment has been issued in error.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. To expedite prosecution of the present Application, please do not hesitate to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney to discuss any issues relating to the present Application.

It is not believed that any additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 6, 2007

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	Examiner FIRMIN BACKER	Art Unit 3621	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) FIRMIN BACKER. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Kenneth Patterson. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

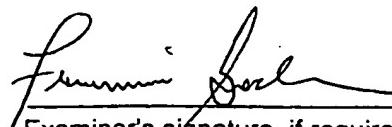
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant discussed the abandonment based on indication by the Examiner that new drawings are needed to be submitted. Upon reviewing the drawing in the application, Examiner concluded that Applicant does not need to submit new or corrected drawing..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required